

EB-2019-0271

#### Enbridge Gas Inc.

#### Application to extend approved 2020 Demand Side Management Plan for one-year into 2021

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4 June 1, 2020

On November 27, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) received an application from Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) for an OEB order effective January 1, 2021 that approves Enbridge Gas's 2021 DSM Plans which roll-forward the OEB-approved 2020 DSM Plans including all programs, scorecards and other parameters (i.e., budgets, targets, and performance incentive structure). The OEB assigned file number EB-2019-0271 to the application.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on December 17, 2019.

The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 on February 24, 2020 outlining dates for interrogatories and written submissions. The OEB also provided guidance on the scope of the proceeding within Procedural Order No. 1.

April 20, 2020, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 2 following a Notice of Motion (Motion) being filed by the Green Energy Coalition. The OEB indicated it would hear the Motion and outlined dates for written submissions.

On May 14, 2020, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 3 and its Decision on the Motion. The OEB determined that there was merit in Enbridge Gas providing some additional data related to the residential home retrofit programs and the commercial and industrial prescriptive programs. The OEB provided dates to all remaining procedural steps within Procedural Order No. 3.

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On May 25, 2020, Enbridge Gas filed its argument-in-chief. Within its submission, Enbridge Gas noted that it filed its argument in advance of the June 5, 2020 deadline established by the OEB in the interest of receiving a decision from the OEB as expeditiously as possible. Enbridge Gas requested that the OEB consider advancing the procedural timeline established in Procedural Order No. 3 by one to two weeks to provide Enbridge Gas more time to plan and implement its 2021 DSM plan following an OEB decision.

Several parties, including the Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto, Low-Income Energy Network, Housing Service Corporation, Environmental Defence, and GEC, have filed letters recently in support of expediting the proceeding to better ensure adequate lead time for implementation of DSM programs in 2021. In particular, GEC indicated that while it requires sufficient time to analyze the new data, a revised deadline of June 12, 2020 for submissions by intervenors, one week earlier than the deadline provided in Procedural Order No. 3, would be manageable.

# Findings

The OEB is mindful that parties require an appropriate amount of time to review the additional data provided by Enbridge Gas in response to Procedural Order 3, and to make their submissions. However, as GEC, the party primarily interested in the receipt of the additional data, has indicated that it is amenable to advancing the deadline for submissions by intervenors by one week, to June 12, 2020, the OEB is of the view that it is reasonable to revise the procedural timelines, advancing each by one week.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. OEB staff and intervenors that wish to make written submissions shall file those written submissions with the OEB and deliver them to Enbridge Gas Inc. and all intervenors by **June 12, 2020**.
- 2. Enbridge Gas shall file its written response to the written submissions directed to it with the OEB and deliver the response to all parties by **June 26, 2020**.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2019-0271, be made in searchable/unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <a href="https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice">https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice</a>. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <a href="https://www.oeb.ca/industry">https://www.oeb.ca/industry</a>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below.

## NOTE: The OEB is temporarily waiving the paper copy filing requirement until further notice. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Josh Wasylyk at Josh.Wasylyk@oeb.ca\_and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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